

February 1, 2022

The. Hon. Richard Durban, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The. Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Chair House Judiciary Committee 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The. Hon. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The. Hon. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member House Judiciary Committee 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Durbin, Chairman Nadler, Ranking Member Grassley and Ranking Member Jordan:

The undersigned organizations, including survivors of child exploitation and sex trafficking, support passage of the EARN IT Act (Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act) of 2022; It is time to confront and restrict rampant sexual abuse occurring on digital platforms.

The EARN IT Act **repeals** near blanket immunity from liability enjoyed by interactive computer service, or digital, companies under judicial interpretations of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, section 230. Finally, platforms will be held accountable for the harmful content they monetize through advertising. Victims will finally have access to justice because EARN IT will allow them to use federal civil and state criminal and civil law to seek redress for harm suffered.

The population impacted by lack of accountability from Big Tech goes beyond the advocates and organizations that have signed this letter. We know scores of individuals, and parents of children, who have had sexually explicit videos and photographs illegally posted online, without the victim's consent, including child sexual abuse material (CSAM, also known as child pornography). Additionally, some social media platforms serve as hubs for criminal activity. Even with the tools provided for good citizens to report concerning material and activity on these digital platforms, they ignore requests even when presented with evidence that the subject is a minor.

Further: despite federal law requiring that the National Center on Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) be alerted regarding CSAM, some of the biggest tech giants ignore this obligation. Bottom line: their content moderation resources will never be enough to eliminate the illegal and harmful activity that is facilitated across Big Tech. For this reason, more is needed from our government to instill protections that will keep our children and others from being exploited in exchange for advertising profits.

To that end, the EARN IT Act would establish a new National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention. Change in online technology is so rapid and so potentially harmful to children, the U.S. needs such an independent body of experts. The commission will recommend best practices related to identifying and reporting online child sexual exploitation as well as ways to prevent predatory grooming and sex trafficking. It will help parents and schools do a better job of shielding children from damaging online content, while providing guidance to private industry regarding filters and age gating.

We urge you to convey the urgency of this legislation to Congressional leadership by marking up the bill as soon as possible.

Despite what Big Tech's legion of lobbyists will tell you: EARN IT Act does not undermine privacy initiatives or free speech or human rights. Since Big Tech can't defend child sexual abuse material, it invents specious arguments against this bill. This 2022 version of the bill clearly states it does not undermine encryption. Rather, it is a necessary, surgical reform to CDA 230 in order to prevent criminality with lifelong negative consequences on innocent victims.

Sincerely,

STATE ORGANIZATION (Bold = National Org; Yellow= Survivor Leadership)

Alabama Camille Place

AL Child Trafficking Solutions Project

AL Kingdom Forerunners

AL Rescue Innocence Movement

AL Worthy2

Alaska Mat-Su Youth Housing (My House)

Arizona Dream Center
AZ Life Link Church
Arkansas Into the Light

AR National Child Protection Task Force

California 3Strands Global Foundation

CA Alliance for HOPE International
CA Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition

CA Bridge Network

CA DA:NCE (dance awareness: no child exploited)

CA Exodus Cry

CA Frederick Douglass Foundation of California

CA Global Hope 365

CA Humans Against Trafficking

CA Journey Out
CA Love Never Fails

CA Prostitution Research and Education

CA Resilient Souls, Inc.
CA Realized Potential, Inc.
CA S.H.A.D.E Movement

CA Sowers Education Group

CA The Well Path

CA Women's Center Youth & Family Services

CA & FL

Colorado

CO

No More Johns

The Avery Center

Beautiful Feet Wellness

CO Compass 31

CO **Justice Defense Fund**CO **Porn Free Colorado**

CO Pornography Is Not Education

CO Sierra Cares Foundation
CO Survivors for Solutions

CO Truckers Against Trafficking

SPACE International (Survivors of Prostitution Abuse Calling for

CO, IL, KY, MA, MN Enlightenment)

Connecticut The Center for Family Justice

CT New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation, CT Chapter
CT School Sisters of Notre Dame Atlantic Midwest Province

CT Traffick Jam Live

CT The Underground New England

Delaware Zoe Ministries

District of Columbia Adorers of the Blood of Christ
DC Healing Communities USA

DC Innocents at Risk
DC Justice for All

DC National Center on Sexual Exploitation

DC National Children's Alliance

DC National Organization for Women

DC RAINN

DC Rights4Girls

DC Stop Child Predators

Florida A&K Ranch Ministries, LLC ANEW Life International, Inc.

FL Bridging Freedom

FL Charted Waters Advocacy Group

FL Child Rescue Coalition

FL Direct Access Counseling and Supportive Services, LLC.

FL Hendry County Sheriffs Office
FL The Human Trafficking Foundation

FL Into the Jordan Ministries

FL Justice Restoration Center

FL One More Child Path2Freedom

FL Paving the Way Foundation
FL Reflective Spaces Ministry

FL Southwest Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

FL The Speak Out Project

FL U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT)

FL <u>Victims2Survivors-US</u>

FL World For Good

FL/IL The Foundation United
FL, CA, CT & NY World Without Exploitation

Georgia BeLoved Atlanta
GA Faithful Love

GA & OH Frontline Response/Out of Darkness

GA, TN & TX Street Grace

Hawaii Ho'ōla Nā Pua (New Life for Our Children)

Idaho Citizens for Decency

Illinois The Joint Global Task Force on Doxxing & Cyber-Sexual Terrorism

IL Kerengende Foundation

IL Parents Against Child Sex Abuse (P.A.X.A.)

IL Rahab's Daughters

IL & TX

Alliance of Leadership and Innovation for Victims of Exploitation (ALIVE)

IndianaResiliency FoundationIowaChains Interrupted

IA Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Slavery

Kansas The Stop Trafficking Project

Kentucky Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership

Louisiana Free NOLA, Inc.

Maine If Only 1

ME Just Love Worldwide

Maryland Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

MD Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force
MD **Leadership Conference of Women Religious**

MD Maryland Coalition Against Pornography

MD National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

MD National Crittenton

Massachusetts Amirah, Inc.

MA Culture Reframed
MA My Life My Choice

Michigan Covenant Eyes, Inc MI Protect Young Eyes

Minnesota Breaking Free

MN Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center
MN Christian Action League of Minnesota

MN Nanda-noojimo (Serving indigenous survivors of sex trafficking & prostitution)

Mississippi American Family Association

Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE)

MO School Sisters of Notre Dame
MO Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet

Montana CASA – Cascade County

MT Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

MT End Exploitation Montana

MT Flathead County Human Trafficking Task Force
MT Gallatin County Human Trafficking Task Force

MT HER Campaign
MT The LifeGuard Group

MT Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force

MT Mountain Home Montana

MT National Council of Catholic Women

MT Raising Today's Kids

MT Soroptimist International of Whitefish

MT Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force

MT Zonta Club of Billings Foundation

Nebraska Catholic Daughters of Court Little Flower

Nevada Awaken Reno

NV Awareness Is Prevention

NV Destiny House

New Hampshire The Darling Princess

NH ExPOSE

NH & MA Jasmine Grace Outreach

NH New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation, NH Committee

NH New Hampshire Traffic-Free Coalition

NH Real Life Giving

New Jersey Airline Ambassadors International

Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity – Sisters of Charity of

NJ Saint Elizabeth

New Mexico Rise In Love Foundation

New York childsafe.ai

NY Coalition Against Trafficking in Persons (CATW) International

NY Covenant House
MY & DC ECPAT-USA
NY Equality Now
NY LifeWay Network

NY

NY National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Lynn's Warriors

NY Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation – Sisters of St. Joseph

NY Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association

NY Sanctuary for Families

NY **Universal Peace Federation**NY Women's Equal Justice Project

NY& CA Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program

North Carolina Abundant Life Counseling

NC A Safe Place

NC The Beloved Haven NC BLOOMHERE

NC Changing Destinies Ministry

NC Get Up Girl, Inc.

NC Life 107

NC Lift Up the Vulnerable

NC NC Stop Human Trafficking

NC On Eagles Wings

NC Project FIGHT – The Salvation Army

NC Safelight, Inc.

NC Shield North Carolina

NC Stand Against Trafficking USA

NC Soroptimist International of Mid-Atlantic Online

NC We Stand Guard

North Dakota North Dakota Family Alliance

Ohio Abolition Ohio

OH Center for Christian Virtue

OH Oasis House
OH She Has A Name

OH The University of Toledo's Human Trafficking & Social Justice Institute

Oklahoma The Red Cord

OK The Servitium Project
Oregon Better Screen Time
OR Bridging the Gap
OR Guardian Project

OR Mentor Support Collaborative

OR Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
OR Portland Women's Liberation NOW

OR Trauma Informed Training
OR & VA
Voices Against Trafficking

Pennsylvania Bloom for Women

PA Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation

PA Dawn's Place PA Living in Liberty

PA She's Somebody's Daughter

PA Walk Her Home

Rhode Island Together with Love

South Carolina Charleston Christian University (CSU) Anti-Trafficking Club

SC Doors to Freedom
SC The Formation Club

SC The Fraternal Order of Police #3
SC Holy Cross Church. Sullivan's Island

SC Lighthouse for Life

SC Lincoln Tubman Foundation

SC Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

SC OUR Treasure
SC Rivers of Justice

SC South Carolina Legislative Roundtable

SC Switch

SC Tri-County Human trafficking Task Force

South Dakota Call to Freedom

SD Project 8

SD Treasured Lives

Tennessee End Slavery Tennessee

TN Freedom Forever

TN Girls Against Porn and Human Trafficking

TN Loves Arm

TN Men Against Porn

TN National Decency Coalition

TN Wired Human
TN & DC
Thistle Farms

Texas Arrow Child and Family Ministries

TX The Carly Ryan Foundation
TX Crime Stoppers of Houston
TX Exploitation 2 Empowerment
TX El Paso CARES (EPCARES)

TXJustice Society

TX Learn To Protect Kids

TX Phalynx Professional Consulting TX Rebecca Bender Initiatives

TX Refuge City TXTraffick911 TX Valiant Hearts

Operation Underground Railroad Utah

UT **Star Guides Wilderness**

UT Traffick Refuge

Vermont New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE), VT Chapter

American Principles Project Virginia VA **Anti-Trafficking International**

VA **Enough Is Enough**

VA Freedom 4/24

VA **National District Attorneys Association**

VA Recover Hope, Inc.

VA Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition

VA **Safe House Project**

VA Wealth Management Ministries

Washington **Defend Young Minds** The EPIK Project WA WA The iSeeYou Initiative Recontext Media

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WA Washington Trafficking Prevention

WA & DC **Shared Hope International** WA & TX **Rescue Freedom international** West Virginia SheWhoDares Consulting, LLC.

Wisconsin The LOVE>hate Project

WI Washington County Anti-Trafficking Advocates

WI Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin WI Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

Wyoming Uprising

Summary 50 states + DC

256 organizations; 62 Survivor led/Survivor leadership in management; 60 national organizations